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Whatcom County registered nurse suspended for pointing gun at people

OLYMPIA — A Whatcom County registered nurse’s license has been immediately suspended by the state Nursing Commission after she was criminally charged in Whatcom County Superior Court for pointing a gun at six people.

Charging documents state that Gwyneth F. Hafstad (RN.RN.00148594) pointed a handgun at six people, including two children ages three and five-years-old. Whatcom County Sheriff’s deputies responded to the incident and detained Hafstad before searching her car and home. Deputies found a loaded handgun in Hafstad’s freezer. A handgun holster, with a pouch containing an empty magazine, was found in her car. Hafstad was criminally charged with six counts of second-degree assault.

Hafstad has 20 days to contest the commission’s charges and her license suspension. She cannot work as a registered nurse until the charges are resolved.

The documents in this licensing case can be seen online by clicking “[Health care provider](#)” on the [Department of Health’s website](#). Copies of the documents can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That number can also be used to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

The Nursing Commission protects public health and safety in Washington by regulation of nursing practice. The Commission establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency, and discipline.

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